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5. As to the procurement of rails the first difficulties arose inasmuch as new rails could not be obtained. Therefore, rail sections of a length of up to 30 cm had to be welded together.

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	"near cotha, though received for the first time, is considered probable as
	the Soviet construction staff in Werder reportedly gave the construction
	order to the Bauunion Sued which employs construction experts in airfield
•	construction work. It is believed that an airfield in the Haina area,
	about 15 km west-northwest of Gotha, is to be constructed.

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